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Assassinations Unit Names Alvin Lewis Acting Chief Counsel

The House Assassinations Committee today named Alvin B. Lewis Jr. as its acting chief counsel and staff director. Chairman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) said Lewis would remain until a permanent chief counsel can be found to replace Richard A. Sprague, who resigned March 31.

Lewis, 43, had been special counsel of the committee since Dec. 6. He resigned that post Thursday, but offered to stay on during the transition period.

As special counsel, Lewis worked on the investigation of both the assassinations of President Kennedy and of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He also performed a number of special assignments and acted as liaison with members of Congress.

Lewis lives in Palmyra, Pa. He was Lebanon County district attorney for eight years, and was a partner in the Lebanon, Pa., law firm of Lewis, Brubaker and Christianson.